

stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Navy SEAL Ryan Parrott of Allen, Texas.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Ryan "Birdman" Parrott enlisted in the U.S. Navy after watching the Twin Towers fall on September 11, 2001. Ryan served eight years as a Navy SEAL, attached to Team Seven. During his time in service, he completed three combat tours in Iraq prior to being assigned to Advanced Training Command as an instructor. In 2005, his life would forever change. While manning a gun turret of a Humvee in enemy territory, his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. Parrott was thrown from the vehicle and along with his teammates, suffered devastating burns and a long road to recovery.

For his actions, Parrott was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/Combat "V", Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Army and Navy Commendation Medals, and a Purple Heart.

After his discharge, Ryan moved to Dallas and after connecting with other veterans who suffered similar injuries, he established Sons of the Flag in order to support those in the military community, first responders, and civilians suffering from traumatic burns. Under his leadership, the organization has raised more than \$5 million to assist burn victims and provide medical fellowships to facilitate research, development, and treatment. Ryan is also the Founder of the Bird's Eye View Project which leverages extreme sports to raise awareness for the extreme needs of veterans and first responders.

Ryan and his wife, Vlada, are the proud parents of two sons named after the couple's grandfathers, who also served in the military. Navy SEAL Ryan "Birdman" Parrott is a shining example of how he has used adversity to serve the community, particularly those who have experienced life altering injuries, as he empower others to lead a life on mission.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Mr. Parrott for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the month of October as National Women's Small Business Month and recognize the accomplishments and impact of our women entrepreneurs and business owners across the country.

While women-owned businesses have faced setbacks due to the pandemic, they remain the fastest growing segment of our economy.

Black and Brown women entrepreneurs are the main drivers of this growth, even though they are far more likely to also be the primary breadwinners and caregivers for their families. We must continue to invest in and support women business owners, especially Black and Brown women business owners, as we begin our economic recovery.

I also want to recognize the 136 Women Business Centers nationwide, such as the Great Lakes Women's Business Council which has done so much to support women-owned small businesses in my home state of Michigan. In addition, I want to recognize the U.S. Small Business Administration, which has continued to provide resources to women-owned businesses in their 68 district offices. My district is fortunate to host the U.S. Small Business Administration's Michigan district office. Businesses that have received support from these institutions are far more likely to succeed, and when women succeed, America succeeds.

As we mark National Women's Small Business Month, on behalf of the United States of America, I salute all the women business owners and women entrepreneurs for their vital contributions to our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. JAMES CHARLIE LANE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Mr. James Charlie Lane of White Pine, Tennessee. J.C. was born on April 30, 1920 and celebrated his 101st birthday on April 30, 2021.

He was a Veteran of WWII and served in the Navy from March 1941 to August 1946. From 1940 to March 1941, he was an employee of the Civilian Conservation Corps in both Unicoi and the Sugarlands in his birth county, Sevier County.

He volunteered and joined the Navy in March 1941 and was assigned to the USS *Albatross*, where he would qualify as an electrician and would eventually be promoted to electrician first class. Volunteering for a new ship that was commissioned, he became a "plank owner" on the *Wasp* by being one of the original crewmen. By 1944, the *Wasp's* battles would include the islands of Marcus, Wake, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte Gulf and the Japanese homeland. He arrived in Hawaii and then went to the Marshall Islands in May and saw his first action in the Marshall Islands as part of Admiral Halsey's fast carrier fleet at the Marianas. During his time in the Navy, he saw action in the European Theater, to the African Coast, to the Pacific Theater in the Philippines and the five-week long battle for Iwo Jima. His military service went on until almost a year after Armistice Day when Japan formally surrendered as his ship brought soldiers back from Italy and England. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer.

Upon returning to Tennessee, he settled in Sevier County for a short period, then upon getting a job at American Enka, he moved to White Pine in 1951. He retired from American Enka after thirty-six years.

J.C.'s legacy of love includes his marriage to his wife, Ruth, of forty-nine years until she passed in July 1992, and his children who are so proud of his service, Rita Lane Potter, and Betty Jo Lane Moore. He has three grandchildren and four great grandsons.

Madam Speaker, James Charles Lane faithfully served his country under the most difficult situations possible and as a WWII Veteran and member of the United States Navy, and I proudly honor his legacy and service to the United States of America.

HONORING WWII VET NORVIN D. MCCLURE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Norvin D. McClure of Fort Wayne.

Our Nation owes Norvin a tremendous debt of gratitude for his service to our country in the United States Army during World War II. Serving in an Engineer Combat Battalion in the European Theatre, his sacrifices were critical to the defense of our homeland, of Europe and to the security and prosperity of millions.

Most notably, Norvin's service earned him the French Legion of Honor award, the highest distinction awarded by France. Established by Napoleon in 1804, the Legion of Honor, known as Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur, is awarded only to the most exceptional of soldiers who served in defense of the French Republic. As a combat engineer, Norvin was charged with one of the most perilous tasks of any soldier during the war: removing mines and booby traps left behind by a retreating fanatical Wehrmacht. But for Norvin and his heroic actions, many more Americans would have been killed and the Allied advance across Western Europe would have been even more difficult and deadly than it was.

Norvin's unit continued into Germany, and then Austria, where it remained involved in combat operations until the end of the war in Europe in May 1945. Norvin returned to Indiana, raised five children with his wife, Maryann, and became a Locomotive Engineer, a job he had for 44 years. I'm proud to extend my regards to him. On behalf of Congress, let me say: we hope Norvin's heart is filled with joy knowing he has experienced our country's greatest blessings, including the affection of family, friends, and a grateful Nation, over a long and well-lived life.

May God Bless Norvin, and may God Bless the United States.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN CAMPBELL, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor fifteen distinguished military veterans from Texas' Third Congressional